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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION**

15 CHARMAINE CHUA, TORIE
16 RIVERA, LYDIA HICKS, and KYLE
17 TODD, individually and on behalf of a
18 class of similarly situated persons, and
19 the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD,

20 PLAINTIFFS,

21 vs.

22 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a
23 municipal entity, CHIEF CHARLIE
24 BECK, COMMANDER ANDREW
25 SMITH, CAPT. JEFF BERT, and
26 DOES 1-10 inclusive,

27 DEFENDANTS.
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Case No.: 16-cv-00237-JAK-GJS

**REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY
ASSIGN THIS MATTER TO
ANOTHER MAGISTRATE
JUDGE**

Date: None
Time: None
Ctmm: Hon. John Kronstadt

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1 This action is assigned to Magistrate Judge Standish for mediation and all
2 discovery matters. On May 26, 2017, just prior to the issuance of an Order
3 granting the parties' request to reset the case management dates, Plaintiffs' counsel
4 contacted the chambers of Magistrate Judge Standish, requesting a date for the
5 mediation. Judge Standish's clerk informed Plaintiffs' counsel that the magistrate
6 was off the bench for two months and would not return to the bench until after the
7 time to complete the mediation. For this reason, the parties cannot comply with the
8 scheduling order unless this matter is reassigned temporarily.
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12 In addition, the parties have met and conferred on discovery disputes that
13 need to be addressed. The absence of the magistrate judge means that those
14 motions cannot be heard now. This adversely impacts the conduct of the case.
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16 Accordingly, Plaintiffs request that the Court assign this matter to another
17 magistrate judge temporarily to address both the discovery disputes and to conduct
18 the mediation within the time limit in the Court's Order of May 25, 2017.
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22 Dated: May 26, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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